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.....1. WITH REGARD TO ADVANCE BRIEFING OF BELGIANS, DUTCH,
AND CANADIANS ON THE US VIEWS PAPER (AS RECOMMENDED IN
REFTELS A AND C), WE LEAVE IT TO MISSION TO DECIDE WHETHER,
AND WHICH, ALLIES SHOULD BE BRIEFED IN ADVANCE.

2. WHILE YOU MAY GIVE SUBSTANTIVE BRIEFING BASED ON US VIEWS PAPER TO THOSE ALLIES YOU DECIDE TO BRIEF 3 OR 4 DAYS IN ADVANCE OF OUR INTRODUCTION OF THE PAPER IN THE NAC, WE PREFER THAT YOU NOT REPEAT NOT GIVE ALLIES ADVANCE COPIES OF US VIEWS PAPER SO AS TO PRECLUDE REQUESTS FOR COPIES BY THOSE ALLIES NOT RECEIVING BRIEFING BEFORE OUR PROPOSAL IS FORMALLY TABLED IN NAC.

3. IF MISSION DECIDES TO GIVE ADVANCE BRIEFING TO BELGIANS, DUTCH, AND CANADIANS, WE CONCUR WITH MISSION'S RECOMMENDATION (IN REFTELS B AND C) TO ALSO DISCUSS PROCEDURES WITH THEM IN ORDER TO SOLICIT THEIR SUPPORT FOR OUR RECOMMENDED PROCEDURES, AS CONTAINED IN US STATEMENT. IN CONNECTION WITH ARRANGING NAC MEETING, YOU SHOULD FEEL FREE TO INFORM

LUNS AND KASTL ON PRIVILEGED BASIS ABOUT PURPOSE OF MEETING.

4. FOR THE HAGUE: WE ARE PREPARING COMMENTS IN RESPONSE TO DUTCH PAPER ON OPTION III, AND WILL FORWARD THEM TO YOU AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. YOU MAY PASS THEM TO DUTCH FO IF AND WHEN US MISSION NATO CONFIRMS THAT DUTCH HAVE BEEN PRE-BRIEFED ON US VIEWS PAPER; OTHERWISE, AFTER OUR INITIAL PRESENTATION TO THE NAC.

5. REGARDING PORTUGAL, GUIDANCE CONTAINED IN STATE 91705, PARA 5, STILL APPLIES. NEVERTHELESS, WE ARE CONCERNED THAT PORTUGUESE PARTICIPATION IN CONSULTATIONS ON OPTION III COULD INCREASE LIKELIHOOD OF LEAKS. WHILE WE DO NOT WISH TO MODIFY ARRANGEMENT REGARDING CLASSIFIED MATERIAL AGREED TO BETWEEN LUNS AND PORTUGUESE PERMREP LAST SUMMER, YOU MAY WISH TO MENTION OUR CONCERN TO LUNS AND DE STAERCKE AND DISCUSS HOW BEST TO ENSURE SECURITY OF OPTION III PROPOSAL WITHIN EXISTING GUIDELINES APPLICABLE TO PORTUGAL. INGERSOLL

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